

**MAIL STOP AF**  
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**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO NON-CONTACTING FACE  
SEALS AND THRUST BEARINGS

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Sir:

This responds to the final Official Action mailed  
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**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.